Proposal to upgrade some airports in Ninth Plan

1161. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to upgrade some airports in Ninth Plan;

(b) if so, the airports identified so far upgradation;

(c) the fund proposed to be earmarked therefor;

(d) the details of the schemes drawn up for upgradation of the airports in Ninth Plan;

(e) whether any airports has since been upgraded in Eighth Plan; and;

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) to (c) Upgradation, expansion and modernisation of airports is a continuing process and is taken up in a phased manner depending upon projected requirements and availability of resources.

(d) The Ninth Five Year Plan of the Department of Civil Aviation is yet to be approved. It is, therefore, difficult to indicate the schemes at this stage.

(e) and (f) During the Eighth Five Year Plan period, Airports Authority of India has upgraded Ahmedabad, Agartala, Agra, Aurangabad, Bhubaneshwar, Bhopal, Bagdogra, Bangalore, Calicut, Coimbatore, Dibrugarh, Dimapur, Guwahati, Goa, Hyderabad, Indore, Imphal, Jaipur, Jodhpur, Kargil, Lilabri, Leh, Lucknow, Ludhiana, Nagpur, Patna, Raipur, Silchar, Tezpur, Tirupati,. Vadodara, Mumbai, Delhi, Calcutta, Madras and Thiruvanathapuram airports.

Developmental works undertaken included extension of runway, taxiway, apron, construction of new terminal buildings etc. Installation/modernisation of navigational/communication aids is also done keeping in view operational safety requirements.

National Voter Awareness Campaign

1162. PROF. (SHRIMATI) BHARATI RAY: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Awarness Compaign has any special focus on women to increase their awareness of the right of franchise and to motivate them to take greater participation in this political process;

(b) if so, what measures taken in this regard; and

(c) what is the response received from all target group?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) to (c) The National Voter Awareness Compaign was launched by the Election Commission of India to improve the general awareness amongst the masses of the right of franchise, etc. The women were identified as one of the priority target groups of audience for being addressed specifically and in an organized manner. A Conference on the Women's Voter Awareness Compaign was held at Nirvachan Sadan on 3.1.1995. No assessment of responses has, however, been made by the Commission in this regard.

Inadequate Accommodation for Tourists in India

1163. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA:
SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2955 given in the Rajya Sabha on 3rd September, 1996 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that accommodation available in hotels